

failure to appear unless the deposition notice was accompanied by a committee subpoena.

8.4 Procedure for Taking Depositions.—Witnesses shall be examined upon oath administered by an individual authorized by local law to administer oaths. The Chairman will rule, by telephone or otherwise, on any objection by a witness. The transcript of a deposition shall be filed with the committee clerk.

RULE 9—AMENDING THE RULES

These rules shall become effective upon publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. These rules may be modified, amended, or repealed by the committee, provided that all members are present or provide proxies or if a notice in writing of the proposed changes has been given to each member at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at which action thereon is to be taken. The changes shall become effective immediately upon publication of the changed rule or rules in the Congressional RECORD, or immediately upon approval of the changes if so resolved by the committee as long as any witnesses who may be affected by the change in rules are provided with them.●

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. CON. RES. 5

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order for the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, to discharge from the Foreign Relations Committee S. Con. Res. 5; and, further, the Senate would then proceed to its consideration under the following limitations: 45 minutes of debate equally divided between Senator BROWNBACK and the ranking member or designee; no amendments in order to the resolution or preamble. I further ask unanimous consent that immediately following the debate, the Senate proceed to a vote on the adoption of the resolution, with no intervening action or debate. I finally ask unanimous consent that if

the resolution is agreed to, the preamble then be adopted.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 1999

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 12 noon on Thursday, March 11. I further ask unanimous consent that on Thursday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate then begin consideration of S. Con. Res. 5, a concurrent resolution regarding congressional opposition to the unilateral declaration of a Palestine state, as under the previous order, for not to exceed 45 minutes, and the vote occur on adoption of the concurrent resolution first in the voting sequence on Thursday, beginning at 2 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. JEFFORDS. I further ask unanimous consent that following the debate on S. Con. Res. 5, the Senate resume consideration of the Ed-Flex bill, with the time until 2 p.m. equally divided between the chairman and the ranking member or their designees. I further ask consent that the votes ordered to occur at the conclusion of debate time in relation to S. 280 occur in the order of the original unanimous consent agreement.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, the Senate will reconvene on Thursday at noon and debate a resolution on Palestine for not more than 45 minutes, to be followed by debate on the Ed-Flex bill for 1 hour, as outlined in the earlier consent agreement. At the conclusion of that debate time, the Senate will proceed to a stacked series of votes, with the first vote relative to S. Con. Res. 5, and the other votes on or in relation to the amendments on the Ed-Flex bill, including passage. Therefore, Members should expect up to a dozen votes beginning at 2 p.m.

Following passage of the Ed-Flex bill, it may be the leader's intention to begin consideration of the missile defense bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 12 noon on Thursday, March 11, 1999.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:17 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, March 11, 1999, at 12 noon.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate March 10, 1999:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MERVYN M. MOSBACKER, JR., OF TEXAS, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS VICE GAYNELLE GRIFFIN JONES, RESIGNED.

GREGORY A. VEGA, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE ALAN B. BERSIN.